

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, and reconsideration of the Office Action dated October 8, 2004. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 23-30 will remain pending in this application. The changes to the claims are supported by the specification and original claims. No new matter is incorporated by this Amendment.

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The Office Action requires that a corrected Figure 36 labeled --Prior Art-- be submitted. In response, Applicants submit a new Figure 36 which has the Prior Art heading. Hence, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are requested.

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Claims 23-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for purportedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

In addition, claims 23-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for purportedly being indefinite.

These two rejections are addressed together as similar issues apply to both. Specifically, the Office Action asserts the phrase "outside, on a side of the keyhole" is unclear and thus not enabled by the specification as well as indefinite.

In response, Applicants have amended both independent claims 23 and 27 to recite "a lock unit having a keyhole exposed outside the lid for a wafer carrier." In other words, the claimed unit includes a lid holding plate that can move forward and backward relative to a lid wafer for a wafer carrier. The lid for a wafer is provided with a lock unit that has a keyhole. Moreover, the keyhole is exposed outside the lid for a wafer carrier. In the

present invention, the lid holding plate is capable of moving on a side of the keyhole of the lid for a wafer carrier. See Figure 11 and corresponding portion of the specification.

Applicants respectfully submit those of ordinary skill in the art would readily understand what is intended by the phrase a lock unit having a keyhole exposed outside the lid for a wafer carrier. Moreover, given the teachings of the specification and accompanying figures, those of ordinary skill in the art would know how to make and use the claimed invention. Hence, both rejections are overcome and withdrawal of each is respectfully requested.

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Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment and the above remarks obviate the outstanding objection and rejections in this case, thereby placing the application in condition for immediate allowance. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

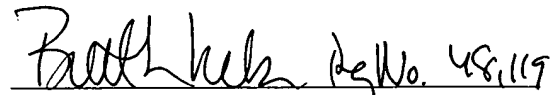
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IN THE FIGURES:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121(d), Applicants file with this Amendment, a Formal Drawing Transmittal Letter that describes a change to original Fig. 36 in this application. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's approval of the change.